

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Public Health Department

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SUBJECT: One-Time Revenue Increase for the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) Agreement

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the PHD Director to execute Amendment A02 to the revenue Agreement (04-35622) with California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS, in the amount of \$76,271 for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) for a total in the amount of \$406,284.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with:

Goal No. II. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Goal No. VII. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Agreement funding is provided by the Housing and Urban Development Department through the State Office of AIDS to the Public Health Department (PHD) to prevent homelessness or assist those "at risk" of becoming homeless. The State Office of AIDS has allocated an additional \$76,271 for support of long-term housing for people living with AIDS. This funding may be used for capital improvement, maintenance or other long-term projects such as tenant-based rental assistance (in coordination with Section 8 vouchers).

The Public Health Department has met with the local community planning advisory group, HIV Prevention and Care Council (HPCC), to determine appropriate usage of this one-time funding. The proposal adopted by PHD from the HPCC is to:

- 1.) Use the one-time funding to support ongoing operations (\$52,932) and provide overdue maintenance (\$18,000) of the long-term HIV/AIDS housing facility, Sarah House. Sarah House is the only long-term housing for people with AIDS in the County.
- 2.) In order to serve additional AIDS clients residing in Santa Barbara County reallocate \$31,065 from existing allocations towards short-term housing assistance such as short-term rental assistance, utilities, mortgage or security deposits. This countywide short-term assistance is a stopgap measure to prevent homelessness and often allows for HIV/AIDS clients to transition to more permanent housing such as in the rental market. Assistance is provided based upon application, client status and immediate need. Clients are provided information and applications for the program from all medical and social service providers in the continuum of care. Approximately 25% of HIV/AIDS clients reside in the north county area and the remainder reside in the south county area.

The Public Health Department has also recently contacted the Housing and Community Development Division to explore other long-term housing solutions such as rental set asides for people living with AIDS.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The HOPWA program is not a mandated program. This one-time funding is to be used for some operations and overdue infrastructure repairs and maintenance.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Authorizing the Director of Public Health to execute this amendment will not result in any increased General Fund contribution or A87 Plan overhead. The existing contract is being increased by \$76,271 and allows for the fiscal agent to retain 7%, or \$5,339. The remaining \$70,932 will be subcontracted with AIDS Housing Santa Barbara in accordance with the contract terms.

This one-time allocation is not included in the Public Health Department's Fiscal Year 05-06 operating budget. If approved, the HIV/AIDS cost center of the Community Health division, found on page D-194, will increase by \$76,271.

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy the executed contract and a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. **Attention: Margaret Granger (805) 681-5367.**

Concurrence: None required.